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2. Representative Mineta asked a number of questions about CIA relations with the press in the context of Congressman Aspin's recent hearings on this issue. All questions were answered in a factual manner and no problems developed out of this exchange. The questions focused on such items as, "How do you define a stringer?" etc.

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BRIEFING OF REPRESENTATIVE NORMAN Y. MINETA

[D-CALIFORNIA] ON HIS INQUIRIES CONCERNING

COPLEY PRESS AND THE RIDDER

NEWSPAPERS

- 1. CONFIDENTIALITY WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR.
 - A. COVER.
 - B. OPERATIONAL SUPPORT.
 - C. INTELLIGENCE.
- 2. PRIVATE SECTOR INCLUDED THE PRESS UNTIL
 FEBRUARY 1976 POLICY WHICH INITIATED BY DCI BUSH AND
 WHICH PRECLUDES THE USE OF U.S. PRESS PERSONNEL AS
 AGENTS.

- 3. NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 1947 "THE DIRECTOR
 SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROTECTING INTELLIGENCE
 SOURCES AND METHODS FROM UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURES."
- 4. CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES THAT INVESTIGATED
 CIA IN 1975 AND 1976 DID NOT REQUIRE DISCLOSURE OF
 COOPERATING INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS WHEN NO
 IMPROPRIETIES WERE INVOLVED.
 - 5. COULD WE KNOW WHAT IS WANTED?
 - 6. WE NOT IN TOUCH.

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